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JUNE ACREAGE

Kansas growers planted 19.35 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), up 1 percent from 2004. **Wheat** seeded last fall totaled 10.1 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 1 percent (100,000 acres) from last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 9.6 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but 13 percent (1.1 million acres) above a year ago.

Sorghum acreage planted and to be planted, at 2.9 million acres, is down 9 percent from last year. Kansas ranks first in the Nation in sorghum acreage. The acreage intended for harvest as grain, at 2.65 million acres, is down 9 percent from last year.

Corn planted acreage, at 3.45 million acres, is 11 percent above last year's planted acres. Farmers planted 63 percent of their corn acreage with varieties developed using biotechnology. Twenty-three percent of the acreage was planted with insect resistant only varieties containing bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) and 30 percent of the acreage with herbicide resistant varieties developed using biotechnology. Stacked gene varieties, those containing both insect and herbicide resistance, were planted on 10 percent of the corn acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 3.1 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.

Soybean plantings are expected to total 2.9 million acres, up 100,000 acres from a year ago. Producers planted 90 percent of the soybean acreage to herbicide resistant varieties in 2005. Expected acreage for harvest, at 2.8 million acres, is 3 percent above last year.

Oats planted in 2005, at 110,000 acres, is 8 percent below last year. Oats expected to be harvested for grain, at 50,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from the previous year. **Barley** planted acreage, at 17,000 acres, increased 2,000 acres from last year. Expected acreage for harvest, at 15,000 acres, is up 3,000 acres from last year. **All sunflowers** planted, at 300,000 acres, are up 75 percent from last year. Oil type varieties planted are at 270,000 acres, while non-oil varieties are planted on 30,000 acres. All sunflowers harvested are expected to total 278,000 acres with oil type varieties projected at 250,000 harvested acres. **Hay** acreage to be harvested is expected to total 3.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Of the total hay acreage, 900,000 acres are alfalfa hay, down 50,000 acres from last year. Acreage of **dry beans** planted, at 13,000 acres, is up 4,000 acres from last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 12,000 acres. **Cotton** acreage is estimated at 80,000 acres in 2005, down 5,000 acres from last year.

GRAIN STOCKS

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions total 57.1 million bushels on June 1, 25 percent below last June. Wheat stored at off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 53.1 million bushels, which accounts for 93 percent of the total grain stocks.

Sorghum grain in all positions totals 64.2 million bushels, 72 percent above last year's level. Off-farm stocks accounted for 55.2 million bushels and on-farm stocks for 9.0 million bushels.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations, at 138.8 million bushels, are 81 percent higher than last June, reflecting last year's record production. Off-farm stocks are 98.8 million bushels, which account for 71 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks, at 40.0 million bushels, are up 14.0 million bushels from last June.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations total 22.9 million bushels, an 82 percent increase from June 2004. Off-farm stocks, at 15.9 million bushels, are also up 49 percent from last year and account for 69 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks total 7.0 million bushels, up 5.1 million bushels from the previous year.

Off-farm **oat** stocks are 374,000 bushels, down 28 percent from last June.

Off-farm **barley** stocks, at 18,000 bushels, are 8,000 bushels less than a year ago.